

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of Shaw  
5      Serial Number 09/859,708  
Filing Date: May 17, 2001  
10     Art Unit: 2141  
Examiner: Nicholas R. Taylor  
15     For: **CLIENT-SIDE METHOD FOR  
IDENTIFYING AN OPTIMAL SERVER**  
Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This paper is submitted in conjunction with a request for continued examination.

25    Reconsideration and favorable action are requested.

Please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 15, 18 and 23 as set forth below.

Please add dependent claims 27-31.

30    A complete copy of the claims and their current status is set forth below.